

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I presume so.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know the approximate number of houses which were recently burnt?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—About 30 thatched houses were burnt. But I speak subject to correction.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will you just look into the matter?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I will.

Construction of bridge at Vettikadavu—action on petition for.

92. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received a petition dated 14th Chingam 1109 from Mr. Paramel Ipe Chummar and others in Kunnamkulam, Pazhanji, Pengamuk, Mangad and other villages addressed to the Diwan through the Chief Engineer praying to construct a bridge at Vettikadavu; and if so,

(b) whether the petition will be printed and placed on the table, and state

(c) what action has been taken thereon?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) A copy of the petition is placed on the table. (*Appendix I.*)

(c) The relative importance of this route as compared with other projected routes between Kunnamkulam and Palanji is being considered.

Economic depression—fall in prices of agricultural products—revenue sales.

93. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Agriculturists in Cochin are very much affected by the fall in price of the agricultural products; if so, what relief measures were undertaken by Government in order to protect them from their present pitiable condition;

(b) the number of proceedings taken by the Revenue Department against immovable and movable properties in each taluk during the year 1108 to realise land revenue.

(c) how many of them were withdrawn and in how many cases sales were conducted;

(d) how many were confirmed;

(e) how much land were sold and the amounts for which they were sold and the amounts actually realised by each sale?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—(a) The attention of the member is invited to the Diwan's Proceedings dated 28/11/1933, R4—470/09, Revenue Department, published at pages 157 and